

October 15, 2025

The Alternative Process to Vote Using Mail Ballots in the French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Referendum Remains in Place

UPDATE: As of October 11, 2025, Canada Post workers moved from a full, national strike to rotating strikes. Although postal services have partially resumed, Canada Post's service guarantees are still suspended, and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) does not recommend relying on postal service for any time-sensitive items. Please visit the Canada Post [website](#) for more details on the strike.

Due to the uncertainty of the postal strike, the RDN will continue with the 'alternative to mailing in a ballot' process that was established on October 3 and outlined below. Mail ballot packages for voting in the French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Referendum should not be sent via mail. The RDN has made available four mail ballot package pick up and drop off locations. In-person voting remains unaffected.

Alternative to Mailing in a Ballot

For those who wish to receive a mail ballot package, you must apply in advance.

Steps to follow:

- Request an application for a mail ballot package by:
 - contacting RDN Administration Office by phone at 250-390-4111 or toll free 1-877-607-4111, by fax 250-390-4163 or by emailing vote@rdn.bc.ca
 - downloading the application form from the French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Referendum webpage at rdn.bc.ca/2025French-Creek-School-Mail-ballot-voting.
- Completed applications may be submitted in person or by courier at the RDN Administration Office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, by fax to 250-390-4163 or by email to vote@rdn.bc.ca.
- Completed applications may also be submitted in person at the mail ballot pick up and drop off locations included in this notice.
- Upon receipt of a completed application, your name will be added to the list for mail ballot packages. The RDN will contact you when your mail ballot package is ready to be picked up at your preferred ballot pick up location.

There is a minimum 48-hour turnaround time from the time an application is submitted and the mail ballot package being available to be picked up. Applications will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

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Mail Ballot Pick Up and Drop Off Locations

When applying for your mail ballot, you will need to indicate which location you would like to pick up your mail ballot from. These locations are also where you can drop off your completed mail ballot. Please note that only Oceanside Place Arena and the RDN Administration Office are available for ballot drop off on general voting day, Saturday, October 25.

RDN Administration Office

6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo

- Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- On **general voting day (Saturday, October 25)** from 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Oceanside Place Arena

830 West Island Highway, Parksville

- Monday: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:45 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meadowood Community Hall

1830 Galvin Place, Qualicum Beach

- Thursday, October 16: from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, October 23: from 1 – 3 p.m.

RDN Parks Services Office

1490 Springhill Road, Parksville

- Thursday, October 16: from 1 – 3 p.m.
- Thursday, October 23: from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

If you are dropping off your mail ballot to Oceanside Place Arena, Meadowood Community Hall or the RDN Parks Services Office, your mail ballot will be transferred to the RDN Administration Office by the voting deadline.

Voting Deadline

As provided in the *Local Government Act*, a ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting (**8 p.m.**) on general voting day (**Saturday, October 25, 2025**) to be counted for the assent voting (referendum). If using a mail ballot, it is your responsibility to deliver the mail ballot to one of the drop-off locations noted above by the deadline and within the location hours noted above. The only mail ballot drop-off location open until 8 p.m. on October 25 is the RDN Administration Office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo.

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In-Person Voting

For those wishing to vote in-person, whether on an advanced voting day (October 15 or 22) or on general voting day (October 25), the process remains unchanged. Visit rdn.bc.ca/French-Creek-School-and-Parkland-Purchase-Referendum for dates, times, location and other in-person voting details.

For further information on the matters contained in this notice, please contact the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officers by phone at 250-390-4111, toll free at 1-877-607-4111 or email at vote@rdn.bc.ca.

For more information on how to vote, visit rdn.bc.ca/French-Creek-School-and-Parkland-Purchase-Referendum and for project information, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-school-and-parkland-purchase-referendum. Residents are encouraged to register and sign up to receive project updates directly on Get Involved RDN.

For more information, please contact:

Legislative Services
Regional District of Nanaimo
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